GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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WATER BODIES UNDER ENCROACHMENTS IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 794 water bodies in Delhi are reportedly under encroachments;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposes to be taken to remove those encroachments and to revive the water bodies;

(c) whether in a court case titled Vinod Kumar v/s Union of India the Delhi High Court has issued certain directions in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to implement those directions?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)to(d): The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that in a Civil Writ Petition No.3502/2000 titled `Vinod Kumar Jain Vs. Union of India`, the hon`ble High Court vide orders dated 4.2.2004, constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Development Commissioner, Govt. of NCT of Delhi to examine the list of 794 water bodies supplied by the petitioner and submit a report to the Hon`ble Court. The Committee held periodic meetings and 588 number of water bodies were reconciled and the position has been informed to the Hon`ble High Court by the Development Commissioner.

Action for Removal of encroachment/misuse and appropriate development plans would be taken by DDA as per its Acts and Rules after verification of factual position.